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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MATTHEW S. GILL, ANDERS OLSEN, and GORDON J. LITHGOW

Application No.: 10/530,091

Filed: 03/13/2006

For: AUTOMATED METHOD FOR HIGH THROUGHTOUT SCREENING OF NEMATODES

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated 02/08/2007 containing a

Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months.

Examiner: PAUL C. MARTIN

Art Unit: 1657

Confirmation No: 7528

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

REMARKS

In the March 22, 2006 Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-22, drawn to a method of screening for the activity of one or more agents on a nematode;

Group II: Claims 23-42, drawn to drawn to a device for screening for the activity of one or more agents on a nematode; and

Group III: Claims 43-65, drawn to a .kit for screening for the activity of one or more agents on a nematode.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-22.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 267-4161.

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